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At its meeting held February 17, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Molina:

“Tri-City Mental Health (Tri-City) filed for bankruptcy on February 13, 2004, with less than one day’s notice provided to the Department of Mental Health. The bankruptcy action, which cites \$3.4 million owed to the County, means that Tri-City will no longer provide services for which it contracted with the County or services within the city limits of Pomona, La Verne, and Claremont that are not funded by Tri-City’s dedicated Realignment Revenue.

“The Director of Mental Health met with the Executive Director of Tri-City last Friday to discuss the possibility of a transition period to minimize the disruption of services to an estimated 800 clients currently receiving services. Although Tri-City indicated it would continue to provide triage, assessment, crisis intervention, and referral services for a short period, the Director learned that the messages on some of the Tri-City telephone lines were referring callers to 911 and that the Tri-City offices were closed last Friday. While Tri-City has now been instructed to include the County’s 24-hour/7-day ACCESS hotline number in its telephone messages, the County must take immediate action to ensure that clients have access to appropriate services.

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“The Department of Children and Family Services has two contracts with Tri-City that provides mental health services to Family Preservation clients referred from the Pomona Unified School District Child Development Community Family Preservation Network, and Wraparound program clients in the communities of Covina, Pasadena, and Pomona.”

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a);
2. Directed the Director of Mental Health to work in collaboration with County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer and report back in one week on an implementation plan to:
 - a. Redistribute the remaining funds allocated to Tri-City Mental Health in the Department of Mental Health's 2003-04 adopted Budget to the Department of Mental Health directly-operated programs and existing Department of Mental Health-contracted agencies in the geographic area formerly served by Tri-City;
 - b. Amend existing contracts with Tri-City Mental Health and Department of Mental Health contracted agencies to avoid fragmenting services to clients formerly served by Tri-City;
 - c. Obtain services to copy Tri-City medical and business records for clients being transferred to County-operated and contracted mental health service agencies;
 - d. Hire the necessary County Department of Mental Health staff to provide services to the former Tri-City clients, subject to approval by the County's Department of Human Resources;

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- e. Take the necessary actions to serve on the United States Department of Justice appointed creditors committee related to Tri-City Mental Health's bankruptcy action;
 - f. Cease negotiations of central contracts with Tri-City Mental Health; and
 - g. Report back to the Board in 14 days on the actions taken to continue services to clients formerly served by Tri-City Mental Health and provide a plan for the provisions of service to these clients in Fiscal Year 2004-05;
3. Instructed the Directors of Children and Family Services and Public and Social Services to work in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel to:
- a. Terminate existing Family Preservation mental health service and Wraparound contracts according to the termination clause in existing contracts;
 - b. Procure services from the Department of Mental Health through a Memorandum of Understanding and Departmental Service Order to amend existing mental health service contract from unspent funds for mental health and Wraparound services; and
4. Direct the Directors of Children and Family Services, Health Services, and Community and Senior Services, to report back in 14 days on the impact of Tri-City's decision to file for bankruptcy on existing programs, and develop a contingency plan in collaboration with Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel to transfer clients to existing County-operated programs or existing contract providers.

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